



Minutes
CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Friday, November 4, 2011

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members

Present:

Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Marty Buehler (counties), Larry Keller (Council of Mayors) via teleconference, Mark Pitstick (RTA), Luann Hamilton (City of Chicago), Mike Rogers (IEPA), Susan Stitt (IDOT)

Staff Present:

Patricia Berry, Thomas Gonzales, Don Kopec, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak

Others Present:

Curt Barrett, Allison Bos, Carlos Campos, Bruce Carmitchel (via phone), Michael Connely, Chalen Daigle (via phone), John Donovan, Jonathon Doshier, Tara Fifer, Staci Hulsberg (via phone), Tatiana Jane, Tam Kutzmark, Vida Morkunas, Kevin O'Malley, Mike Payette, Keith Privett, Eve Pytel, Tom Rickert, Lanny Schmid (via phone), Chris Staron, David Tomzik, Gerry Tumbali, Mike Walczak, Thomas Weaver, Tammy Wierciak (via phone)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Patronsky stated that staff had a request of the committee during the other business item.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-July 21, 2011

On a motion by Ms. Stitt and a second by Mr. Buehler, the draft minutes for the September 15, 2011 meeting were approved.

4.0 October Status Updates

Ms. Ostdick reported that all October status updates were received. She highlighted the memo included in the packet summarizing the responses and reasons for delay. She mentioned that two additional reports were included in the packet. The orange-themed report is projects requesting their first one-time move. The red-themed report is projects that meet the criteria for removal by requesting either a second or third time move. The committee discussed possible actions for projects that meet the criteria for removal consideration. Staff suggested a clear time deadline be enacted. If obligation has not occurred by the deadline, funding is automatically removed, rather than considering reasons for delay. Staff suggested a deadline of the year in which a phase is programmed plus one additional year. The discussion continued and eventually the CMAQ PSC requested staff make recommendations for removal of specific projects at a special meeting to be scheduled. Mr. Buehler made a motion to approve the orange themed one time moves, Ms. Stitt seconded with the addition of delaying action on 13-10-0005 Norfolk Southern Railway Co. Switchyard Diesel Locomotive Retrofit Project. The motion carried.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 Riverdale - Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Retrofit (TIP ID 13-10-0002)

The sponsor requested a cost increase of \$289,748. On motion by Ms. Hamilton and second by Ms. Stitt the change was approved.

5.2 Algonquin – Edgewood Dr. from Hanson Rd to Main St. (TIP ID 11-09-0062)

The sponsor requested to move funding into 2012. On a motion by Mr. Buehler and second by Mayor Keller the change was approved.

5.3 RTA – Regional Transit Signal Priority Integration Plan, Five Year Implementation: Priority Corridors (TIP ID 13-12-0002)

The sponsor requested moving all funding into 2012. On a motion by Ms. Hamilton and second by Mr. Pitstick the change was approved.

5.4 CDOT – Clark/Division Station Improvement - Red Line (TIP ID 01-96-0008)

The sponsor requested to move all funding into 2012. On a motion by Mayor Keller and second by Mr. Pitstick the change was approved.

5.5 Glen Ellyn - Glen Ellyn Station Commuter Parking (TIP ID 18-99-0566)

The sponsor requested a scope change to reduce the number of spaces from 75 to 55. On a motion by Mayor Keller and second by Mr. Pitstick the change was approved.

5.6 University Park - University Parkway Bike Facility and Intersection Improvement at Governors Highway (TIP ID 07-96-0003)

This project change request was tabled.

5.7 Berkeley - Union Pacific Proviso Railyard Switcher Engine Retrofit (TIP ID 04-09-0002)

The sponsor requested a scope change and cost increase to purchase 14 more ultra-low-emitting GenSet switch locomotives at their Dolton facility. The committee questioned if funds were available for the project. Staff answered that it was anticipated removal of projects would occur in the previous agenda item. On a motion by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Ms. Stitt, the request was tabled.

5.8 Chicago Public Schools - Chicago Public Schools School Bus Retrofit (TIP ID 01-08-0005)

The sponsor requested to withdraw the project from the CMAQ program. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

5.9 DuPage County DOT - Thorndale Ave from I-290 Entrance Ramp to Park Blvd (TIP ID 08-07-0003)

The sponsor requested to extend the limits and change sponsorship with no increase in funds. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

5.10 Mundelein - Lake St from Hawthorne Blv to Hickory St (TIP ID 10-06-0064)

The sponsor requested to move funds between phases. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

5.11 Carpentersville - IL 31 at Huntley Rd (TIP ID 09-08-0005)

The sponsor requested reallocating funding between phases. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

6.0 FY 2012-2016 CMAQ Program

6.1 Multi-year B list Procedures

Mr. Patronskey reported that the Transportation Committee requested the CMAQ PSC consider a procedure for moving MYB projects into the active program. Staff stated that the priority of the CMAQ PSC is to focus on programmed projects and therefore a procedure should not be developed. Staff then distributed a list of common questions regarding the MYB list and staff's response.

1. When is a project "ready" to move into the A list? When Phase I is complete?

When significant progress has been made on the project by the sponsor, they may ask the Project Selection Committee for approval to move subsequent phases into the A list. Projects will be reviewed on a case by case basis and many will have very different circumstances. In the one example we can look to, the sponsor had completed Phase 1 engineering and was willing to move forward on Phase 2 engineering with their own funds, but only if they were assured of construction funding. Their request was brought to the CMAQ PSC Committee and was approved.

2. Does a project on the A list need to drop off before a B list project can move in?

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee hasn't really looked too much at fiscal constraint because of the large unobligated balance and the use of the A list. I don't believe that any projects dropped off when the last B list project was entered in the program.

No, an A List project does not have to come out, but the Committee will ask CMAP staff to assess where a request fits with in the fiscal limits of the program, so the latest status of dropped projects, low bids and approved cost increases will be a factor.

3. Are B list projects accepted at any time during the year when they are ready? Or will the CMAQ Project Selection Committee only accept B list projects at certain times?

At any time the sponsor feels they can demonstrate significant progress, it can be brought forward, subject of course to the Committee's established meeting schedule. For any given CMAQ meeting, the deadline would be the same as the project change deadline.

4. Will B list projects be ranked against other B list projects when trying to move to the A list? Or will this be strictly on air quality rankings or other factors?

No; and not applicable.

5. Can a project sponsor that has a behind schedule A list project move another project off the B list?

No. The committee concurred in staff's recommendation.

6.2 GO TO 2040 Focused Programming Evaluation

Staff reported that they are conducting an evaluation of the GO TO 2040 focused programming approach. Each member provided input. Staff stated that further discussion will occur during the next meeting.

7.0 2012 Meeting Schedule

Committee members concurred with the 2012 meeting schedule.

8.0 Other Business

Staff asked the committee if staff could have the authority to consider requests for moving project funding in out years into the current year. The committee concurred that staff could make that judgment and report on their actions at the next meeting.

9.0 Public Comment

Mr. Curt Barrett representing DMMC requested further clarification on how the project selection process occurred, specifically the determination of which projects were included in the active program and which were included in the MYB list.

Mr. Doshier requested the committee look favorably upon the Union Pacific request for additional ultra-low-emitting GenSet switch locomotives.

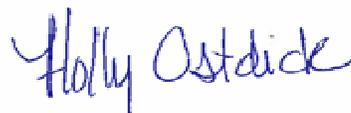
10.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on February 9, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly Ostdick
Committee Liaison